

**James M. Bowles**  
Sgt Co. E, 14<sup>th</sup> KY Cav



**Department of The Interior**  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

July 20 ,1888

*Sir:*

Please furnish this Bureau a report of hospital treatment in the Claim No. 654041 , of **James M Bowles** , late a Sergt Co. E 14 Ky Cav, and was discharged at Camp Nelson Ky Mar 24 , 1864

1. Disability from: Bilious [typhus] fever and resulting disease of head, neck, jaws, teeth and partial deafness. Camp near Irvine Ky July 15 1863 –
2. Treatment, as follows: Field Hosp'l remaining until July 30, 1863 – treated by Reg't Surgeon
3. The Adjutant General's report shows: Not in.
4. Discharged March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1864, at Camp Nelson Ky

*Very respectfully,*

**John C. Black**

Commissioner

*The Surgeon General U. S. A.*

State of Kentucky }  
County of Jackson } Sct

In the matter of the Pension Claim of **James M. Bowles** Late Private of Co. E 14 Regt of Ky Volunteer Cavalry

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Who being duly authorized to administer oaths in and for Said county and State **John S. Frost** aged 63 years a citizen of Jackson county and State of Kentucky whose Post office address is Maulden, Ky

Well known to me to be reputable and who being duly sworn declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows **John S. Frost** says he was first Sergeant of Co. E 14 Ky vols. Cav and was personally well acquainted with Claimant Bowles several years before his enlistment in said company and at date of same about august 4<sup>th</sup> 1862 Never Knew Claimant afflicted in any way with ant diseases Know he was especially free from diseases of head partial deafness of both Ears neck Jaws and affected teeth After clai-mant Enlisted in said Company he continued Sound & free from diseases or injuries and able for active duty and always ??? his duty cheerfull when detailed uptil about the 15 of July 1863 at Camp near Irvine Ky Said Claimant Contract bilious fever Severe attach Affiant recollection is that Claimant remained in his tent Some four or five days With said fever and was

treated By asst Surgeon **James W. Hensley** Claimant was then sent to field Hospital Located at Camp near Irvine Ky and was still treated by assistant Surgeon **Hensley** uptil about 30<sup>th</sup> July 1863 Claimant complained with his head appeared to be somewhat hard of hearing

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He also complained with his neck Jaws and teeth while he was suffering with Said fever in Hospital while under Surgeon **Hensley** treatment uptil about 30<sup>th</sup> July 1863 On said day and year our Regiment was attacked by the enemy and retreated to Booneville Ky leaving Claimant back behind Sick with said fever and complaining with Said diseases described & located in this affidavit affiant then lost Sight of Claimant till he got able to report himself to Camp Located near Booneville in the first part of August 1863 He then was very weak & feble not able for any duty Still complaining with his head Somewhat hard of hearing in conversations he was also complaining with neck Jaws & teeth Said Claimant from that time on was excused from all hard Soldier duty by reason of Said Complaints and diseases named above uptill Discharged from Said Service March 24<sup>th</sup> 1864 at Camp Nelson Ky. affiant further states that Said fever was caused from Cold and exposure While in a line of his duty in the United States Service Affiant Says he believes that Said fever resulted in Said diseases he complained with named above till he was discharged date given above Affiant says he has Saw Claimant frequently Since the Service and he has at the times Still complained with head and appeared Somewhat hard of hearing in conversations unless they be loud Has also complained with neck Jaws & teeth Hurting him to date Affiant Says he knows the facts about his condition before he entered the Service from personal acquaintance in the Service at the time he taken fever & results from Personal Knowledge from being present at the time & place and being an eye witness and continuing first Sergeant of Said company till discharged Since the Service from acquaintance Affiant further declares that he has no interest direct or inderect in the Prosecution of this Claim for Pension and not related to Claimant

**John S. Frost**

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Sworn and Subscribed before me by affiant **John S. Frost** and I hereby do certify that the contents of this affidavit where read over to and understood by affiant before the Signing and execution thereof and that affiant is to me well known from personal acquaintance to be respectable and Entitled to full credit on oath for truth and veracity and refuted for the same in the Vicinity in which he resides And I have no interest direct or indirect in the Prosecution of this Claim.

Witness my hand and Seal of office this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1889

**John Farmer** clerk Jackson County court

By **Stephen Farmer** D.C.

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Commissioner of Pensions } Dear Sir, in answer to your letter of enquiry in the pension claim  
Washington D.C. } of **James M Bowles** that I testified in about the month of apr /89.

About the month of July /63 I first became aware of Clamant sickness at Camp near Irvine Ky. He taken sick with fever believe it was bilious fever [typhus] he was attacked with. He remained in his tent a few days while sick, In his tent he complaned with his head ears neck jaws and teeth. After a few days he was sent to the hospital located at said place still complaining with his head ears neck jaws and teeth. I was sent to the same Hospital. while we remaned together in the same hospital he was affected in head ears neck jaws and teeth until the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July /63. On that day our regiment was attacked by the enemy. Claimant and affiant was moved from hospital both of us very sick to an old steam mill on the

river for safety from the enemy. We remaned in said steam mill very sick for two or three days. Clamiant suffered while there with his head ears neck jaws and teeth. We then made an effert and did start home being by our selves. the regiment had left went in the direction of Booneville Ky. We went to our homes in owsley co Ky after several days slow travel. Claimant complained all the time on our way home with head ears. Appeared somewhat hard of hearing in conversations. he complained with his neck hurting him jaws and teeth. Claimant went to his home & I went to my home. I lost sight of Claimant till we got able to return to our regiment. There in camp near Booneville Ky About the first part of august 1863 I met with claimant there. His condition was still bad not able for duty. Still complaining with his head ears neck jaws & teeth. Somewhat hard of hearing in talking with him. he was kept off all hard duty from that time untill discharged by reason of said complaint he was affected with and suffered from till discharged from service about March 24<sup>th</sup> 1864 at Camp Nelson in the state of Ky. I believe said diseases above named was the results of said fever he suffered with. he was treated while in his tent and in Hospital till about July 30<sup>th</sup> 1863 by asst surgeon **James W. Hensley** for said fever and its results or affects on him. I know all the above facts stated from my own personal knowledge from the sources stated in affiavit on file in his case.

Very respectfully

Hiram Gabburd

Invalid Claim

# 654,041

## War Department

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, July 2, 1889

*Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.*

....., a ..... of Company ....., ....., Regiment .....  
..... Volunteers, was enrolled on the ..... day of ....., 186...., at .....,  
and is reported:

**John S. Frost**, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut; **Hiram Gabbard** and **John Neely** privates, all of Co "E" 14 Ky cavy are reported on roll for March & April /63, present: May & June /63, not on file: July & Aug /63, present. Station: during April /63 near Irvine, Ky: Aug 31 /63, Booneville, Ky. Books of organization also Returns covering period called for not in file. Records of this office furnish no additional information as to presence or absence on station during period called for.

**J. C. Kelton**

**R.C. Drum**

Adjutant General

### ORIGINAL INVALID CLAIM

Soldier, James M. Bowles Rank, Sergeant  
P.O., Travellers Rest Company, "E"  
County, Owsley Regiment, 14<sup>th</sup> Ky Vol. Cav'y

Rate, \$ 2. per month, commencing May 8<sup>th</sup> 1888

Pensioned for loss of teeth

### RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY

[No attorney]

### APPROVALS

Approved for disease of teeth and partial deafness  
Submitted for admission March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1890; Fred J. Braendle, Examiner  
100 days circular sent to Claimant December 26<sup>th</sup> 1888 – there being no disability in a pensionable degree from diseases of neck and jaw at date of filing claim.

Approved for Impaired hearing of both ears and loss of teeth. Claim on acct. of affection of neck and jaw referred to the Medical Referee for rejection – no notable degree of disability since date of filing

Approved for Loss of teeth 2/18 – Impaired hearing not shown in notable degree. Affection of jaw and neck rejected. no disability since filing

Legal Reviewer J.L. Bishop, Med. Ex'r  
March 21, 1890 Gama?hin Reviewer

D? Boor, Med. Reviewer  
April 26, 1890, Thos. D. Ingrams, Med. Referee

### IMPORTANT DATES

Enlisted, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1862  
Mustered,  
Discharged March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1864  
Declaration filed May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1888

.....Service from.....  
18....., to ....., 18....., in  
.....  
Not in service since March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1864.

### BASIS OF CLAIM

Declaration filed May 8<sup>th</sup> 1888, for disease of head, partial deafness, disease of neck, jaw and teeth, the result of a bilious fever incurred in July 1863, in camp near Irvine, Ky.

–Claimant writes–

No. M. C.

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT

TAKE NOTICE.— The affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; the marginal instructions must be carefully observed before writing out the statement. All the facts in possession of affiant as to the origin and continuance of the disability should be fully set forth, and the dates of treatment should be specifically given. If the affidavit is prepared from memoranda in possession of the physician, that fact should be stated.

State of Kentucky , County of Owsley , ss; 1890

In the Pension Claim No. 654041 of James M Bowles late of Co E. 14 regt Ky Vols Cav

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State G. B. McDonald a citizen of Owsley Co Ky whose Post Office address is Travelers Rest Ky well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a Practicing Physician, and that he has been ~~acquainted~~ not with said soldier for about ..... years and that .....

I certify that I have this day Carefully Examined James M Bowles & find that his hearing is effected he cant hear a watch tick further than the Distance of ten inched. Slight deafness of Both ears.

I also find that the muscles of his neck is effected he cant look up without cociderable muscular Exertion & appear to give him pain on the maxuement. To the best of my judgement it is at a Rheumatic Condition. He also says that he cant carry any thing on his left sholder with out it giving him pain & says that his left arm becomes numb & [not] mutch feeling. he also Say that his left arm give out from his labor sutch as chopping or howing.

[Copy did not include portion with signatures.]

Manchester Ky.  
Mar 11<sup>th</sup> 1899  
To the Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir  
Find herewith enclosed affidavits of Curtis and Drucilla Hamilton in regard to my marriage. I was married by the Rev. John Ward of Jackson County Kentucky who died previous to my application. He was a minister of the gospel of the Baptist Church and if he ever returned the marriage license or certificate of marriage it has gotten misplaced or lost so that it now cannot be found. I have had the clerk's offices of Owsley County Ky. careful examined

and there is nothing of record to show anything about it, and these affidavits are presented in place, If anything further is required please let me know at your earliest convenience My husband and I have always lived in the neighborhood in which we married and it can be established by all acquainted that we lived creditable as husband and wife I am now in my 64<sup>th</sup> year giving away generally and it will be quite a favor which will be highly appreciated for you to bring about a speedy result in my case. I wish you to send my pension matter address to me at Manchester Clay Co. Ky in care of **B.P. White Sr.**

Hoping that you will comply with my request.

I am yours very respectfully

Attest

B.P. White Sr

her

Jemima X Bowles

mark

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State of Kentucky Owsley Co. SS :

In the matter of pension claim No. 6270 of **Jemima Bowles** widow of **James M Bowles** late of Company E 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment Kentucky Cavalry. On this ?? day of ~~March~~ 1899 Personally appeared before me Depty Clerk of the County Court for the County and state aforesaid duly authorized to administer oaths **Drucilla Hamilton** age of 78 years a resident in the County of Owsley and state of Kentucky, whose post office address is Sturg—[may have been erased] Owsley County Kentucky and well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit and who being duly sworn according to law declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows That she was at the marriage of the Claimant **Jemima Bowles** and **James M Bowles** the soldier on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1852 at the resident of **Joseph Thomas** in Owsley County Ky and saw the rites of matrimony legally solemnized, Knows that the Claimant and the soldier were not previously married and that the Claimant has not remarried since the death of her husband **James M Bowles** that should she have remarried that the facts would have become known to her as she has lived as a neighbor and associate during and since their married life. Witness further states that she has known the claimant since childhood and the soldier since their married life. That since

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their married life they have lived as husband and wife and have so recognized by all people who were acquainted and knew in the neighborhood in which they lived. Witness further declares that she has no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

America Burch  
D. G. Barrett

Drucilla Hamilton

State of Kentucky Owsley Co. SS:

Subscribed and sworn before me by **Drucilla Hamilton** the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1899 I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted her with its contents before she she executing the same I further certify that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim directly or indirectly accd. that said affiant is a credible person.

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1899.

H.C. Combs CCC

By B. L. Brewer D.C.

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**Jemima Bowles** tax list for the year 1897

1 tract of land 25 acres Valued at \$ 75.00

1 horse 25.00

Household and Kitchen furniture 20.00

Total \$120.00

Exemption 45.00

Grand Total \$75.00

State of Ky

County of Clay

I **H.J. Clark** Clerk of the county Court for the County and State aforesaid. Certify that the forgoing is a correct copy of Jemima Bowles tax list for the year 1897 as is shown by the assessor's book, on file in this office

This April 29<sup>th</sup> 1899

H.J. Clark Clerk

By **J.V. Dickinson D.C.**

**Jemima Bowles** tax list for the year 1899.

1 tract land 25 acres Valued at \$ 50.00

Household and Kitchen furniture 25.00

Total \$ 75.00

Exemption 25.00

Grand total 50.00

State of Kentucky

County of Owsley sct.

I **H.J. Clark** Clerk of the county Court for the County and State aforesaid. Certify that the forgoing is a correct copy of **Jemima Bowles** tax list for the year 1899 as is shown by the assessor's book, on file in this office

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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890

WIDOW'S PENSION.

627.071

Claimant, <u>Jemima Bowles</u>	Soldier <u>James M. Bowles</u>
P.O., <u>Manchester Ammie</u>	Rank, <u>Sergeant</u> , Co. <u>E</u>
County, <u>Clay</u> , State <u>Kentucky</u>	Regiment, <u>14 Ky. Vol Cav</u>
Rate, \$ <u>8</u> per month,	commencing <u>Jan 24, 1896</u>

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY

Name Claimant Fee \$ —

APPROVALS

Submitted for Special Ex. May 11, 1899, B H Scott, Examiner  
 Re " " " Consideration December 21, 1899 - F. Jones, Spl " "  
 Approved for Admission Dec. 28, 1899 F.W. Tuckerman, Legal Reviewer

The soldier was.... pensioned at \$ 12, per month for loss of teeth, Neu. and rheumatism  
 Enlisted, August 4, 1862. and Soldier's app'n filed May 8 /88, Aug 1, 1890  
 honorably disch'd March 24, 1864 Clt's app'n under other laws Na, 18...  
 Re-enlisted No other service No Former marriage of either ..... , 18...  
 Died November 24, 1895 Clt's marriage to soldier January 13, 1852.  
Declaration filed January 24, 1896 Clt not remarried ..... , 18...

Claimant is ..... without other means of support than her daily labor.

[Comments:] Claimant marks

[Stamped:] Entitled to \$20. per month,  
Commencing Sept. 8, 1916,  
Under act of Sept. 8, 1916.  
Wife During Civil War service.  
Nov 27 1916

Deposition @

Case of Jemima Bowles, No. 627,071

*On this 13 day of Dec, 1899, at Ammie, County of Clay State of Ky, before me, Fred Jones, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared B. P. Allen, who being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:*

*I am 44 years of age; My post-office address Ammie, Clay Co. Ky. Merchant & Post master of Ammie Ky*

*I have known this claimant well for about the past eight or ten years, She has lived right in this neighborhood within from 1 to 2 miles of me. I knew her late husband James M. Bowles.*

*He was killed near here about three or four years ago. Claimant and her husband usually lived*



together but there was a period of some three months they separated for some cause unknown but they were living together at the time he was killed. They were never divorced that I ever knew or heard of.

Since **Mr. Bowles** death this claimant has lived within about 1 1/4 miles of me and I know she has never remarried or lived with any man as his wife or otherwise. At least I never heard of such a thing and it seems to me living right here in the neighborhood I would have known it had such a thing occurred. There was some report that some of claimants girls were not just right, but I don't know this of my own knowledge but as far as claimant is concerned I never heard a thing against her character.

Not related nor interested.

I have heard the above read and it is correct.

B.P. Allen

3-1081

**PENSIONER DROPPED**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

*[stamped:] June 23 1918*

Certificate No. 487560  
Class Act of April 19 1908  
Pensioner Jemima Bowles  
Soldier Jas M "  
Service E 14 Ky Cav

**The Commissioner of Pensions.**  
Sir:  
I have the honor to report that the name of the above-described pensioner who was last paid at \$ 25, to May 4, 1918 has this day been dropped from the roll because of death June 3 -1918.

JEMIMA BOWLES,  
487560 AMMIE, KY.

Very respectfully,  
*[Illegible Signature]*  
Chief, Finance Division

**NOTE.** – Every name dropped to be thus reported at once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death when known.



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